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## EDITORIAL-

In many respects the coming of peace to the world will be as drastic as was the impact of the war. Workers in most factories will be unemployed, at least temporarily, and men who have been close buddies through the hell of war will be wrenched apart by their discharges from the service. While many such men will meet on occasion, the vast majority are seeing and talking to staunch friends for the last time. This is natural, and while most of us are not yet considering such matters in the joy of separation from the service, the first few weeks of civilian life are apt to be pretty darn lonesome.

Your editor, having reached the august and ripe old age of 38, may be working on his last issue of TILTON TALK, and that in itself is somewhat of a wrench, for we have become unbelievably attached to this little sheet. We hasten to assure the powers that be, however, that we will not decline the pleasure of a discharge when it is offered.

Seriously, though, we must express our pleasure that the hell of war and its attendant horrors has come to a halt. The world has suffered much in the last ten or twelve years, and we can only hope that mankind has learned a lesson from this close call. The advent of atomic bombs, which has the world more agog than peace, demonstrates that war has grown beyond the control of man once it is placed into operation, and the sole hope of humanity is to prevent future wars.

We have the means of securing peace, if we but learn to control our international conduct among nations. There are grave weaknesses apparent in the measures adopted at San Francisco and in the Bretton Woods Agreement, but these must be perfected and the relationships among nations must be adapted to the new era which has been forced upon us by technological developments of the war.

We, and the other nations, have it in our hands to usher in an era of universal well-being, or an era of utter and complete destruction. WE MUST DECIDE WHICH WE WANT!

Veterans are not turning up their noses at Uncle Sam's good-hearted offer of a free education after discharge -- at least, not by choice. The *Saturday Evening Post* has gone to official records for material dealing with this subject, and has used bushels of statistics to prove its point. Unfortunately, one does not measure human emotions or ambitions by a yard-stick, so the efforts of the *Post* fail in their avowed purpose. THEY STILL DON'T KNOW -- or say -- why the vets aren't flocking off to school!

It is also unfortunate that the *Post* article leaves the public under the impression that the veterans are ungrateful for what the public is led to believe has been provided for them. That is not the case at all. The plain unvarnished truth is that the veteran finds it economically impossible to utilize benefits of the G I Bill of Rights as they apply to education. Now, that may be a bit hard to swallow, but here's how it works, in an actual case:

A soldier on this post is an artist, with definite ability, and a few years training. Actually, he has had seven years of art-school already, but it would take at least four years more to become a really proficient commercial artist, as he wants to do. Meantime, just before he went overseas, he married the girl of his choice; they have one child, and another is on the way. In order to go back to school he faces two choices: Either he goes to work to support

## Vets Can't Go to School

By Pfc. Neil Holland

his family, and thus loses the G I benefits of \$75 per month; or, he sublimates his natural regard for his family and tries to get by on \$75 a month, which is an absurdity. He has a choice of two schools which have decent courses in his chosen field. Both are difficult to enter, but he has been assured of a chance if he can pay the tariff and support himself. Outside work would seriously interfere with his studies. Can you imagine what worry over his family would do to them?

In actual practice, the only beneficiaries of the G I Bill are those who could afford to go to school without such benefits. The son of a middle class family, whose parents would have supported him anyhow, can now have his tuition paid and have \$50 to \$75 per month for spending money. The son of a factory worker or low-paid white-collar worker, whose parents are scrambling from one day to the next for life's necessities, must either forego the advantages of an advanced education, or seek it under extremely difficult circumstances. As the *Post* points out, this is one effect of the competitive system under which we live. But about all such an explanation gets from the average G I is a good healthy snort!

There was one implication in Stanley Frank's article that we cannot accept, and that was the idea that most GIs just don't take to education in any form. It has been our experience that a majority of those young enough to still have a chance to start a career

## De-Mob Plan Works Fine

The coming of peace in the Pacific has brought to reality the dreams of millions of veterans that they might one day get home. Scores of high-pointers and disabled vets of the ETO and Pacific have already left Tilton General Hospital, and more are leaving almost daily. Swift activation of plans already laid is under way, and it won't be long until the 500,000 quota set for demobilization months will be accomplished.

When the Jap capitulation became official, General George C. Marshall called in reporters and informed them of plans the War Department had for rapid and efficient releases of men and reductions in war-orders. Reading from an order issued by the Secretary of War, said in part:

"Since December, 1941, the nation has depended upon the Army and Navy to build up and direct the power to bring us victory and peace. With the capitulation of Japan the nation now looks forward to the demobilization of the Army and its installations as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

In some respects our responsibility is just as heavy as during the critical days of 1942. The same imagination, energy and devotion to duty which characterized the activities of the Army during the last four years must now be turned to the vast task of demobilization."

Notification that men over 38 years of age would be sent home brought a flood of applications to the detachment orderly room. While field commanders will be permitted 90 days in which to secure replacements, it is expected that this category of vets will be released long before the deadline.

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# THE COLONEL'S PAGE

Now that peace has again come to our nation, people throughout the world are rejoicing. We at Tilton are no different from the rest of the country. However, being with a General Hospital of this size, we cannot help but come face to face with the sadness and heartaches that the price of victory has cost us.

Our job is by no means completed. In fact, the peak of it has just begun. Since hostilities have ceased, more and more casualties will be returning from foreign soil. This means that our boys who have been fighting for this victory in all parts of the world for nearly four years, will require the best medical care, treatment and operations that we can offer them.

Besides actually treating the patient, we have a large number of very critical activities that must be carried on. Among these may be listed the work of our emergency Surgical Mobile Unit, which may be ordered out at any time to offer medical care in the event of catastrophes or disasters in this vicinity. This requires continual training and alertness.

We are still faced with the ever present problem of fire-fighting. In the hospital where many of our patients are confined to their beds, or are handicapped by cast, braces or crutches, the question of fire protection is even more important. Those enlisted personnel who are assigned to this roster must always keep in mind this grave responsibility.

As more soldiers are released from the service, the remaining personnel must take over many of these duties. Large amounts of hospital equipment may become surplus and it will have to be properly disposed of. Many other alterations will have to be made which correspond to the problems of civilian reconversion.

The American soldier in the time of peace is not aided by that feeling of patriotism which is present during war time, yet the contribution to his country will be equally as great. It is our duty for each of us to resolve to carry on until the last disabled patient has been cured and transferred home. In order to accomplish this, we must not take the attitude that we, too, can lay down our Medical Department arms. Instead, we must continue our work with a new enthusiasm inspired by our gratitude to those returning soldiers.

## OUR COVER PICTURE

Staff Photographer Larry Becker claims to have a dream camera which he developed especially for the peace celebrations. Here, he has fired it at Sgt Pearl Jackson on "the morning after," and the results were startling, to say the least.

Having watched Pearl jauntily trotting about the grounds of Tilton General we can imagine what she will be like when the day of chiffon, nylon and frills becomes a reality. She'll float higher than a kite!

## VETS BEST BET COLLEGE HEAD SAYS

### Tests Show Superiority

Veterans are the employers' best bet.

That is the statement made by Norman Alexandroff, president of Columbia College, Chicago. Alexandroff doubted the theory that veterans were going to be civilian misfits and would require special handling, so made tests with three groups to test its falsity. The groups included 230 veteran and non-veteran students, whose mental and emotional standings were compared.

In testing, the Alexandroff survey divided the students into three groupings—veterans of this war, current non-veterans, and a group enrolled before the war in 1938—39. All were males between the ages of 21 and 25.

Results showed that veterans surpassed other students in emotional stability, sociability, tactfulness, courtesy, sense and humor. It showed that they excelled also in ability to learn, persistence, carefulness, enthusiasm and originality. In such traits as leadership, veterans scored 61, while prewar students scored 58, and non-vets trailed with 53. In reasoning ability, vets led with an average of 71.4; 1939 students, 68.8; and present students without any military training, 65.4.

ST. LOUIS (CNS) A printing company here has hired a draft-proof office boy. He is John B. New, 82-year-old veteran of the Spanish-American War.

## The Other Guy's Job

Personnel who wear either an artificial eye or false teeth probably never dreamed that these two items are first-cousins, but such is the case, according to T/3 George B. Pettingill. George is officially listed as a dental mechanic, but his main job at TGH is processing and coloring plastic artificial eyes.

The new plastic eye used by the Army was developed by 3 dental officers, who collaborated on the idea that plastics as used in dentures would be practically indestructible as well as more adaptable to the close matching necessary if the artificial orb is to be worn without the embarrassment so often a factor in such cases.

Sgt. Pettingill paints the irises of artificial eyes made for TGH patients, under the supervision of Major Carlos Weil, and assisted by T/5 Gilbert Tunick and Pfc Willard Warne. Maj. Weil spent six weeks at Valley Forge General Hospital at the beginning of the artificial eye program established by the men who developed the new process. He is currently instructing E M in that process.

Each eye has its own characteristics, Pettingill says, and colors, shading and vein structure are faithfully reproduced in the TGH laboratories. He also informed us that men who now wear artificial optics which are unsatisfactory may secure one of the new eyes upon application.

Sgt. Pettingill operated his own dental lab before the war.

## War News Center a Pleasant Place

Your War News Center is a pleasant place to spend an afternoon or evening. In addition to the latest news from the war fronts there are up-to-the-minute maps, information bulletins, and daily newspapers from New York and Philadelphia.

In one corner of the room there is an entire wall devoted to the insignia of almost all the major organizations and services of United States armed forces. Many patients have contributed their treasured shoulder patches to make the collection a success and it has received many favorable comments from visitors, hospital personnel and patients. If yours is missing, the I&E Office would appreciate having it.



Late issues of "OUTFIT", a magazine which keeps you posted on the location and activities of your overseas unit, are always on display in the War News Center, which is located behind Ward 35. Comfortable overstuffed chairs, a good radio, and plenty of ashtrays add to the pleasure the many features of the room afford. Also, on Tuesday evenings, a regular feature is the Discussion Group, to which all personnel and patients are invited, and where you can take this old world apart to see what makes it tick.

Information on USAFI courses and copies of lessons are also in the Center. In short, it's a place you ought to visit more often, for education, relaxation, or for a meeting of minds.

# Trust Fund Aids Vets in Neb.

Nebraska's returning vets will find a practical plan to aid them in time of need, thanks to far-sighted state officials who originated the plan as an aftermath of World War I. When other states paid cash bonuses, Nebraska reckoned that such a plan was not only too expensive but also failed to provide a reasonable means through which needy veterans could secure aid at a time when immediate assistance was more practical than cash gifts on their release. Several other states have shown interest in the plan, which apparently originated in Connecticut.

In 1921, state finances were not too healthy and taxes were high, but there was \$2,000,000 in the treasury, which was set up as a trust fund. From \$14 million to \$16 million would have been necessary to pay a cash bonus. The original act provided an appropriation of \$2 million, but \$50,000 was set aside to meet immediate calls for help until the balance could be invested and begin to draw interest. Through wise handling the principal has now been built up to the original amount while income has been turned into a separate fund. The balance of this fund is now \$250,000 despite the fact that disbursement exceeded income in some depression years.

One of the largest grants was to a veteran's wife, when \$600 was needed for a life-and-death operation, when her death would have meant six children would have become orphans and public charges. Another woman, widowed 19 years ago, has been obliged to obtain assistance several times, but kept her family intact. Now, 2 sons are in the Army, and three other children are grown up and contribute to their mother's support.

Withdrawals for aid were \$101,666 in 1929-30. In 1944 only \$7,514 was withdrawn. Total grants over the 23-year period were \$1,577,632. With more than 130,000 Nebraskans in service, it was figured that requirements would triple in postwar years. Last year the state legislature voted to establish an \$8,000,000 fund. To the original fund, \$100,000 per year appropriations for six years will establish the \$8 million base needed.

The trust fund is administered by the State Board of Educational lands and Funds. The act provides that it shall turn over the income from the trust to the treasurer of some organization admitting to its membership all veterans of the war.

The board thus designated the American Legion to receive and pass on applications for relief. Veterans, their wives, widows or dependent children are entitled to receive assistance from the fund.

TILTON TALK is produced and published in conjunction with the Occupational Therapy Department and, aside from its morale factor, has proven very effective in pre-vocational training for patients of Tilton General Hospital. All patients having any knowledge of printing, editing or reporting are urged to attend classes held in the Print Shop, behind Ward 33.

## British Build Yank Memorial

A permanent memorial public library will be built at Norwich in honor of members of the American Second Air Division who lost their lives attacking German targets. The library will contain commemorative sculpture, art, plaques, and decorations, books recording the achievements of the bombers, and rolls of honor.

## 3rd Army Champs

While their commander, General George S. Patton, looked on, the Third Army captured the first European Theater track and field championships with 188 points. Thousands of GIs packed Soldiers Field, at Nuernberg and saw five ETO records broken.

The Communications Zone squad took second, with 152 points, followed by the 16th Corps with 81. Seven teams, winners of regional meets, competed in the All-European finals, run off in the former Nazi national shrine.

## MORALE BUILDER

Himself the victim of a grenade explosion which cost him two hands in World War I, Charles McGonigal has been making a tour of Army and VA hospitals. He has amazed bellboys and hotel clerks by carrying his own grips, signing the register and making out checks.

"A cripple is a person who is injured or handicapped and does nothing about it," McGonigal says. "Morale building is 50 per cent your own job. Families can do the other half—or—they can tear down all morale."

## Captain Miller Says "So Long"



Unable to reach his many friends personally, Captain Rubin R. Miller has asked Tilton Talk to publish this letter:

TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN;

A four year and six month pleasant stay for me has come to an end with my transfer to a field unit.

As the first officer to report to Col. Turnbull, I have met many officers and men. With all due respects to other Army units, it would be extremely difficult to find a better group to serve with. Thank you all for making it so pleasant. Good luck to you -- God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Rubin R. Miller



The New C. O.

## Lt. C.D. Bixler New Det. CO

Succeeds Capt. Miller

Lt. Carmen D. Bixler has moved over from the Annex to assume the post of Detachment Commander, following transfer of Captain Rubin R. Miller to the 23rd Station Hospital Camp Crowder, Missouri. Lt. Bixler had been assistant CO.

Born in Russelville, Kentucky 27 years ago, Bixler enlisted in the Army August 13, 1941 and was sent to Fort Thomas. For 3 months he worked in the supply room, before going to Camp Grant for medical basic training. Having completed basic, he was assigned as a cadre member and taught in the NCO School for 18 months, following twelve weeks of school on his own. He then moved to Fort Sheridan, as a casual, and was assigned to the 103rd General Hospital, returning to Camp Grant and later moving to Camp Ellis for parallel training. There he was NCO in charge of field work until transferred to the 63rd Field Hospital, where he was again in charge of field work.

The 15th class of OCS at Carlisle Barracks was graced by Lt. Bixler, and when he was commissioned he was sent as assistant CO of the Battalion Assistant Surgeons' School at Camp Barkley. After a brief career with the 52nd Medical Training Battalion, Bixler was sent to Tilton General Hospital, on March 1, 1945, as assistant CO of the Medical Detachment until assigned to his present command.

Lt. Bixler says about 100 men with high scores will leave the detachment within a month.

## TGH GOES "ARTY"

Have you looked around Tilton lately? Noticed anything new in the way of decorations--something that makes Army beans and stew taste better, maybe?

Staff-artist Luis Burgos has been swinging a wicked brush in the detachment mess hall these past couple of weeks, and a right good job he has done with it, we say. Pictures of gals, jeeps, battle-front first aid scenes Wacs, now adorn the walls of the local



Artist Luis Burgos

beanery. There have been many compliments on the art work, and we thought you'd like to know something about the artist, himself.

Pfc Luis Burgos is a native of Puerto Rico, and was with the Second "Indian Head" Division on some of their momentous exploits. He is now attached to the I & E Office, doing such fancy jobs as placards for dances, "keep off" signs, notices to patients and personnel, etc.

PS: He likes the work, but wants OUT!

# CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Today we recall quite vividly and most personally the immediate past--those months and years in which we have served our country and the cause of world freedom. At last victory has been achieved but the peace—a lasting peace must yet be won. Therefore let us remember there are memories that bless and burn. Nearly four years have passed in which we as a nation have been engaged in this terrible and most destructive global war. Over a million casualties have resulted and approximately one quarter million lives have been sacrificed.

To those of us who served in 1917—1918 there is a double significance and a deeper meaning to the end of this mighty struggle. May the present leaders always remember and the future generations always recall the fact that victory too was won by us in 1918, but in the years following we lost the peace.

Yes, victory has come at last and there is real cause for rejoicing and to foresee the blessings to us and our children's children, if we resolve and determine now to suffer and sacrifice, give and toil in the years ahead to assure and to maintain a lasting peace as we gave our all in the war effort.

O let America and a United World return to God and the altar of prayer and remember—"Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

## CHURCH SERVICES

### TILTON MAIN CHAPEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC	Sunday Masses	6:15 & 11:00 A. M.
	Weekday Masses	4:45 P. M. (Except Wednesday)
	Confessions	Each Saturday 7:30 to 9:00 P. M.
PROTESTANT	General Service	10:00 A. M. Sunday
	Communion	First Sunday in Each Month
JEWISH	Friday	8:00 P. M.

### TILTON ANNEX CHAPEL

ROMAN CATHOLIC	Sunday Mass	8:30 A. M.
	Weekday Mass	4:30 P. M. (Wednesday Only)
	Confession	By Appointment
PROTESTANT	General Service	11:00 A. M. Sunday
	Communion	First Sunday in Each Month
JEWISH	Wednesday	7:30 P. M.
	Friday	6:30 P. M.

## Art Winners

Recent winners of an Army Arts Contest included six from the Second Service Command among the twenty-four prize winners. A second prize in sculpture was awarded to Captain Harry Schwartz, Tilton General's allergy specialist.

The contest opened early this spring, with each service command holding run-offs for those who would submit artistic efforts in the national contest. From July 4 to August 15, contestants in the nine service commands of the ZI exhibited their paintings, water colors, murals, renderings, sculpture, prints, and photographs. Captain Schwartz' sculptural interpretation of "Maidenek" won second prize in Class 4.

Among other winners in the Second Service Command were: Cpl Anne B. Poor, Ft. Totten; Pvt Robert Smulian, station hospital, I & E Office, N. Y. T-4 Arthur E. Edmunds and T-5 Edward P. Westin, N YPE; and T-5 Joseph P. Cunningham, Pvt George A. Aarons, of Yank Magazine, New York. First prize in oil paintings was awarded to T-4 Robert Niles Jr., for his interpretation of "Between Trains". Best among the mural designs was submitted by S-Sgt Sante Graziani, of the AG & SF Redistribution Center, Miami, Florida. Cpl. Poor has the best drawing, that of "Waiting Room", ATC, LaGuardia Field, N. Y. Pvt Aarons' photograph of a "Doughboy In Africa", which was published in Yank Magazine. Prizes and competition were determined by class of installation where the soldier was stationed.

# A Look at Physical Therapy

More than 7500 treatments are given by the Physio-Therapy Department to Tilton General Hospital patients each month. Physical Therapy is the of injuries or disease by physical means, such as heat, light, electricity, water, massage and exercise.

Many of the patients treated are cases with injuries to the bones and muscles. Often these patients are given massage and exercises to keep muscles strong while still in traction or con-



fined to bed. Later they come to the department to continue more strenuous exercises, besides being given massage and heat by lamps, whirling warm water, or deep heat by diathermy.

Here there is a walker to help men start walking after long confinement; and a triple mirror to consult while doing exercises and later walking with braces, crutches, and finally no support. Later in the game, there is a bicycle, rowing machine, and other gadgets on

which to strengthen weak muscles.

Other patients with various types of paralyses may be given treatments by electrical or galvanic machines, which exercise the paralyzed muscles until the return of the nerve involved. Patients with skin diseases, or those who have been ill over long periods of time, may have ultra violet or sun ray lamp treatments.

Treatments are given by both commissioned and enlisted personnel, some of the latter having had surgical technician training, plus one month training in physical therapy. The 6 WAC trainees seen in white caps are P-T Apprentices who, on completion of six months in an Army Physical Therapy School, are sent here for 3 months' supervised clinical practice, at the completion of which they are commissioned as second lieutenants, MDPT.



Watch those gold bars, boys. There are dollars to be earned every 3 months for those "first salutes".

## Golf Program Praised

Two Army officers have praised the beneficial effects already achieved through the playing of golf as a part of the Army's physical reconditioning program. Lt. Col. A. Ruppberg, chief of operations and Maj. Arthur Gwynn, were enthusiastic in their reports.

"Golf," said Col. Ruppberg, "has developed into one of the most important features of our hospital rehabilitation. We have been astonished at the results of our program. Star pros have visited the hospitals, given exhibitions and have stirred unexpected interest. Patients watching them swing, have asked for a turn and, finding that despite their injuries they could adapt themselves readily to the game, have become real players. This has not happened in a few isolated cases, but in hundreds of them at the different hospitals."

Golf is an important and pleasant phase of the program at Tilton General Hospital, with the same beneficial results enjoyed elsewhere. Transportation to and from the TGH course is provided, with buses leaving daily at half-hour intervals from 1300 to 1430, leaving fifteen minutes later from the Annex.

Letter from a GI to his wife:

"Please send me \$5 for shaving cream and stuff."

Came the reply:

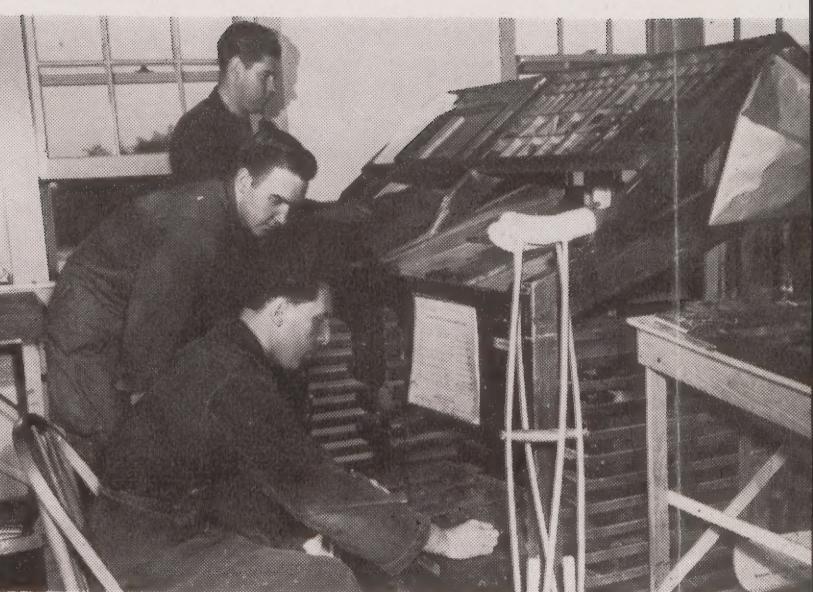
"Honey, enclosed herewith is 25c for shaving cream. The stuff is back here."



ASSEMBLY - T/5 Howard S. Tuomi instructs patients on how to put a paper together. He is operating a stitcher.



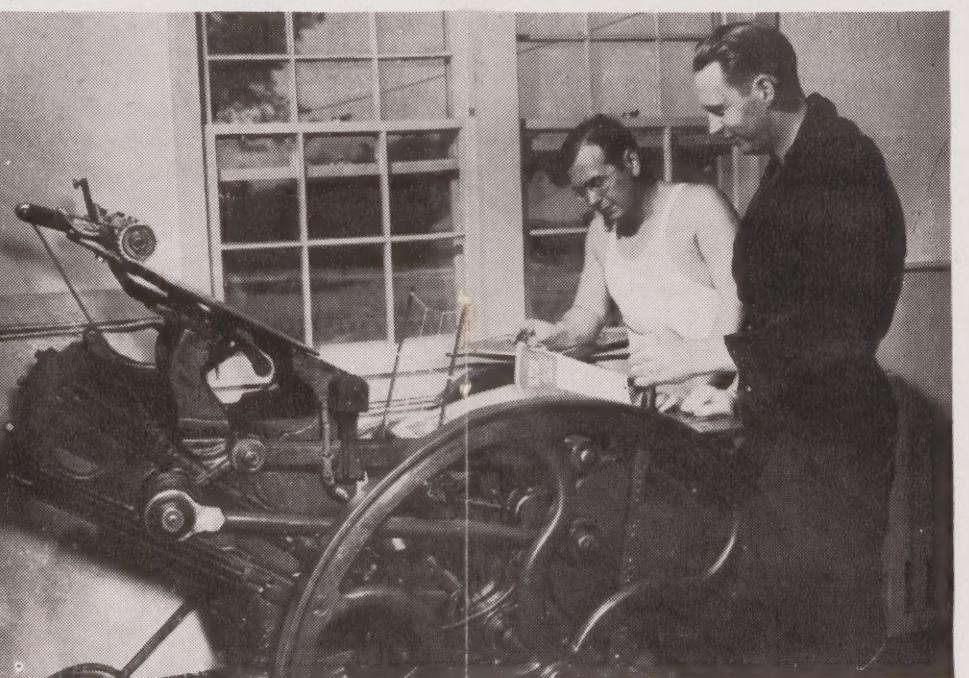
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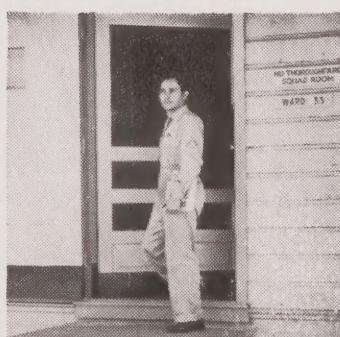
COMPOSITION - Sgt. Harry Woelkers helps patient setting type.



REPORTER - Pvt. Bill Reh interviews a patient for his story during a few minutes respite from Ward Duty



FIRST COPY - Cpl. Chris Stueben checks the first cover as it comes off the press. It's okay.



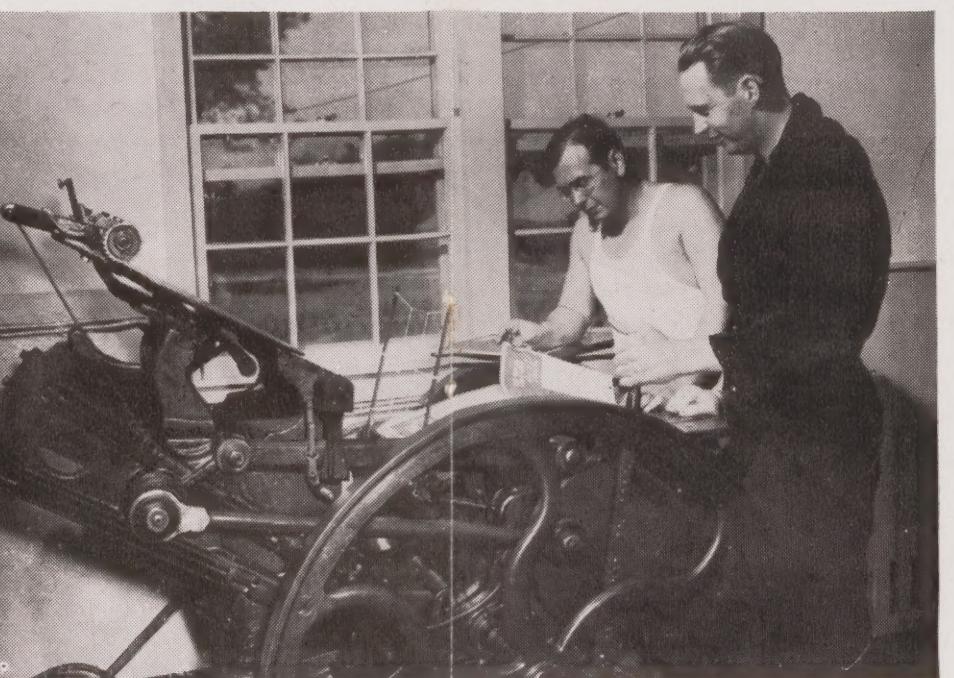
DISTRIBUTION - Pfc. L. Burgos delivers copies to a ward



TRIM - T/4 Walt Thoda seems worried over the cutter, as he trims the paper to size.



C MEN - T/4 Jack Cannan watches critically as Lt. Parker selects a photo for TILTON TALK



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# SHORT CLIPS

First Lt. Paul B. Slawter, Jr., a Public Relations Officer at the AAF Redistribution Station in Atlantic City, was copying names for a news story on their separation from the service under the Army's point-system. Halfway down the list, he stopped and gulped: "Hey, number 7 is me!"

A sergeant finished listing the names. (CNS)

**DEFINITIONS:** OCEAN—A large body of water surrounded by POE's.

A wall-flower is a girl who wears a sweater to keep warm.

## WHO'S EXCITED?

Out on his first mission, a young fighter pilot ran into eight enemy planes and as he radioed his report, piled into the fight. On his return to base the Operations Officer asked if he had been scared.

"Who me? Not a bit—in fact I was surprised to find myself cool and calm the whole time. Why do ask?"

"Oh, I was just wondering why you reported 25,000 Japs coming in at eight feet."

**MEDIC:** You'll have a different woman when your wife gets out of the hospital.

**SERGEANT:** But what if my wife finds out?

About the time you learn to get the most out of life—the most of life is gone by. "WINGS OVER WAYNE"—Romulus.

Death is a sentence passed on you the day you were born—the only thing left is the fixing of the time.

**SERGEANT:** Do you know the secret of popularity?

**WAITRESS:** Yes, but my Mother says I mustn't.

**NURSE:** Doctor, every time I lean over this patient his heart-beat increases. What shall I do?

**DOCTOR:** Button up your blouse.      "Top Billings"

In minor league baseball during 1945, approximately 11,000,000 spectators will watch some 6,500 games played by 86 clubs in 12 leagues, having a total of about 1,450 players.  
Colliers

During the 156 years of its existence the total receipts of the United States has been \$256,653,000,000 and its expenditures \$482,485,000,000. Thus, for every \$100 received the Government has spent \$188. Colliers

**LANDLADY** (to girl in hall): I thought I saw you taking a gentleman up to your room.

**GIRL:** Yes, that's what I thought, too. "Borden News"

Old and ugly spinster to the burglar: "Of course I've got money. Don't just stand there—frisk me!"

Ft. Lewis, Wash.—Lt. Forbes received this wire from his wife: GOING TO HOSPITAL NINE AM FOR EXTRA 24 POINTS. HOWS THAT FOR COOPERATION.

Twin boys were born to Lt. and Mrs. Forbes on May 12, ten hours before the deadline on computing points toward discharge.

## LIBRARY NOTES..

Chances are good that you can now see your favorite book as a movie, or to read in full the story of some movie you've enjoyed. Army Service Libraries have the following books, some of which have been purchased for movie-making in the near future, and others which are currently showing.

"A LION IN THE STREET", by Langley, was published as a book May 14, and has already been purchased at a cost of \$250,000, supposedly the highest price ever paid for movie rights to a book.

"BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST" was published in 1944, and has been made into an exciting movie, starring Lee Tracy.

"Here Is Your War", Ernie Pyle's universally read and appreciated book about soldiers, was bought before the author died. The picture "GI JOE" was recently shown at post War Department theaters and received high praise from enlisted personnel all over the Hospital.

"Colonel Effingham's Raid", by Barry Fleming, starring Charles Coburn and Joan Bennett; "Hold Autumn In Your Hand", by Perry, will feature Zachary Scott and Betty Fields; "God Is My Co-pilot"; "Having Wonderful Crime"; "Hotel Berlin"; and "Roughly Speaking" are all movie titles which prove that current books are providing Hollywood with ample good material for entertainment and pleasure.

# **THE OTHER GUY'S JOB:**

## ***The Photo Lab***

One of the most interesting and amazing jobs at Tilton is that enjoyed by Sgt Dan Crecca, T/4 John Cannan and T/4 Larry Becker. These "Three Gay Caballeros" are tenants of TGH's Photographic Laboratory and, in spite of a lot of after-hours work, it's still our idea of an ideal job in the Army.

As a matter of fact, it's the extra-curricular duties which give the job its charm. The routine matters handled by the Lab are the recording of unique medical specimens, such as a beautiful pilonidal cyst, a diseased appendix or liver of magnificent proportions, or just a good old-fashioned set of piles, for posterity.



**L to R: Sgts. Jack Cannan, Dan Crecca, and Larry Becker**

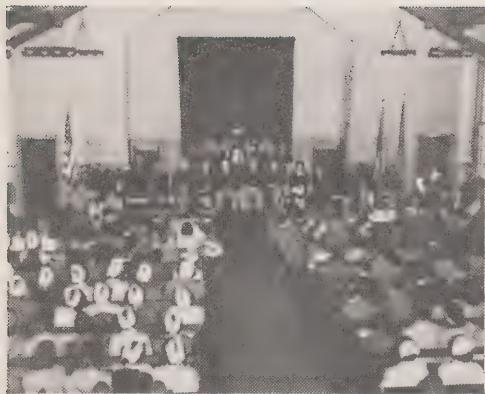
Sgt Crecca does most of the medical photography. Every once in a while he is called upon to take shots of an operation in progress, for the edification of medical students, or even regular doctors who may not be present when some exotic or unusual ailment is under treatment at Tilton or who may be interested in approved new surgical procedures. He also does a lot of post-mortems and some rather extensive studies of dermatological subjects. The walls of the studio abound with examples of such work.

But, as we said above, it's the extra-curricular work which is most fascinating. If you're curious about special events in the offing at Tilton it's a safe bet the boys at the Photo Lab will be in the know. Larry Becker has a nose like a ferret when it comes to "nosing out the news." Parades, promotions, dance parties, official visits to TGH by the moguls of medical warfare, weddings of GIs— Oh, just about anything unusual and interesting taking place,

will find a ready and sympathetic ear from one or the other of the lads. It's not at all unusual to be standing talking to them on the lot and have them suddenly remember an appointment and go dashing off to keep it. It leaves one a little breathless until one gets used to it. But you can bet an event of no mean proportions is in the offing which requires their artistic touch. Otherwise, a team of Missouri mules couldn't drag them away from "that latest story about the farmer's daughter."

Sgt Becker is the roly-poly member of the team. He had a studio of his own in civilian life, where he specialized in wedding pictures, although he has some hum-dingers he promised to show us after the war. Sgt Crecca was an attorney before the war and is an awfully hard man to win arguments from, as witness the citation from an inspecting officer—"an enthusiastic NCO." Jack Cannan was with the 32nd 'Red Arrow' Division and spent 29 months overseas. Lately, he's been having difficulty focusing his camera. Claims all he can see in the lens is "89 points." He is also a golf (?) expert. Crecca and Becker took their basic training in this area and claim to be in love with Fort Dix and environs. But then, every genius is entitled to one idiosyncracy, they say.

The Photo Lab is located in "The Barn", just abaft TILTON TALK's headquarters, which makes it very handy when the staff is too lazy to go hunt their own stories.



"Full House"



"In the Wards"

# V - E DAY



"Overflow at Red Cross"



"The Day Room"

In spite of premature announcement by a correspondent in Europe, the official announcement of peace in Europe set off wild celebrations all across the world.

The collapse of Germany was accepted as the first indication of any real merit that victory for the Allied cause could no longer be halted. It could be delayed by desperate fighting on Pacific islands—and, indeed, was for a time—but the final outcome was assured when the Nazi war machine admitted defeat and disgorged itself of its ill-gotten spoils in Europe.

Many recalled vividly some desperate action in Europe where they were wounded or captured by the Hun. As in all great crises, Americans flocked to the Chapel to thank their Maker for victory and peace in war-torn Europe. In a few hours the hospital returned to normal, but there was a new hope and lightness apparent as thoughts turned to the Pacific. Peace there could not be long delayed, now that Germany had fallen.



"Well Done"

# V - J DAY

"THANK GOD IT'S OVER"

That was the predominant thought in every mind at Tilton General Hospital after President Truman's announcement that Japan had accepted the unconditional surrender terms laid down at Potsdam.

The whistle on the power house blasted the ether with the glad tidings; patients outside Red Cross Main cheered themselves hoarse; while more sober-minded souls flocked to the Chapel to observe the occasion in a more fitting manner.

Events of the preceding week had been an accurate indication of the imminent collapse of Japanese ability to wage further war, and many who had suffered and fought in the Pacific went about with grim expressions of satisfaction on their faces and a deep sense of hope that the near future would bring the world surcease from the pain and terror of the most horrible war in history. When the good word came, one and all breathed a fervent "THANK GOD!"



"Our Father Who Art In Heaven"



"There She Blows"



"The Job is Finished,  
Now for Home"

## **Low Fares Home for Vets One Way at Furlough Rates**

Principal rail and bus carriers throughout the States have announced reduced one-way fares to discharged veterans of World War II traveling from the point of separation to their homes, to place of induction or enlistment, or to their place of employment.

These tickets will be sold at a rate of approximately a cent and a quarter a mile, good for travel in coaches only, limited to 30 days after sale, and authorize the usual free checkage of baggage allowance and stop-over privilege en route within final limits of the ticket. A properly executed form of Identification Dischargee Certificate must be presented within 30 days from date of discharge. The present reduced fares for personnel on pass and furlough is continued, it was announced.

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### **VETS CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL**

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want to do so with every possible educational advantage. Practically every wounded man we've talked to at Tilton who has not reached his twenty-fifth birthday said he wanted to go to school.

In orientation lectures we have given or attended we found educational benefits the one phase of the GI Bill of Rights which was seldom under heavy attack by veterans -- the one provision to arouse a response among younger veterans. And most of the older men thought it was a fine thing --if it really works out!

It must be admitted that certain types among the population never did take kindly to education, even in kid days. But for a writer in a national magazine to attempt to say that very few GIs really want more learning is a libel. We might also call your attention to articles which have been printed from time to time in TILTON TALK which gave figures on veterans who have gone back to school since being released from the Army. One such is being run in this issue, and if reports are true veterans of this war have a higher I Q rating than either vets of the last war or the average youngster who hasn't been in service. It stands to reason that the very flower of our young manhood was taken into service in the early days of the war, and that those who are left want to improve themselves in every possible way. The question of vets getting into early employment for high wartime wages can no longer enter into the issue. What remains of moment right now is whether veterans will find it possible to go to school under present provisions, and we think the consensus of opinion will be that they cannot. The GI Bill of Rights may look swell on paper, but in its major aspects it is worthless to the average veteran.

## **GI RIGHTS EXPLAINED**

Do you understand the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights? Of Public Law 16? If you're physically okay, you'll be interested in the GI Bill. If you're slightly disabled, you'll want to know more about Public Law 16, and your vocational and educational rights.

Lt. L. R. Batchelor, Separation Classification and Counseling Officer, also serves as Personal Affairs Officer and is available for consultation on problems of a strictly personal personal nature, such as pay, soldiers' deposits, war bond purchases, family allowances and allotments, insurance, citations, awards, divorces, evictions, etc. His office is located in Section A, opposite Ft. Dix bus depot. Phone 7267 for appointment.

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### **Tilton Talk Ed. Asks Release Here Since April 12th**

Always alert to latest developments, TILTON TALK's editor, Pfc Neil Holland, was first to apply for a discharge when men 38 and older were told they could go home. He plans to edit a paper in Detroit upon his release.

Pvt Holland trained at Camp Grant and Lawson General Hospital before coming here, and served aboard the Queen Elizabeth earlier this year.

# Sport Slants

Sparked by Lt. George Ramsden, new post champ, Tilton golfers swept the slate clean in recent golf competition. All six finalists were from TGH and are patients or assigned men.

Sgt Frank Wojciechowski was runner-up, turning in a splendid game. In the first flight Pvt Larry Poslock won 2-1 over Lt Max Smith, while T-5 Henry Donnelly bested cwo Farina by a 7 and 6 score in the second flight.

The new golf champ is instructor in that sport at Recon while he is a patient here, and was a pro in civilian life. Sgt Wojciechowski is also with Recon at the Annex. Poslock and Donnelly are in Wards 94 and 39 b. Lt Smith and cwo Farina are duty officers at TGH.

Golf has been widely hailed as a beneficial sport for wounded men struggling back to health and enjoys a favored spot on the TGH reconditioning program. Medical officers here are highly gratified with its effects on patients.

## KING FOOTBALL RETURNS

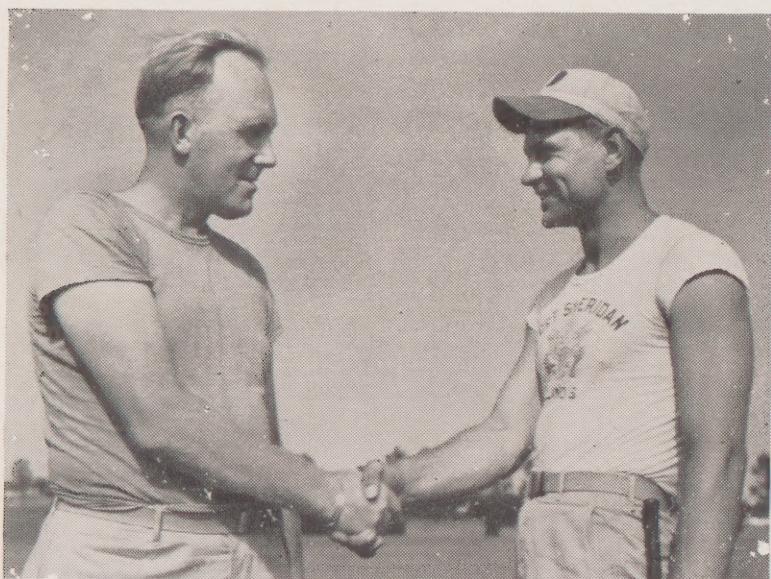
By Cpl Robert E. Lee

With the end of the war returning men to their normal pursuits, football will be coming into its own again. As the teams swing into action we find that the big guns of last year will be the headliners again. Without any doubt Army and Navy will be the kingpins again in 1945.

In a fast glance, the East will dominate the play, for Army will overshadow all else. With a line that is referred to as the Seven Sherman Tanks and three deep in the backfield, we pause to wonder who will have the courage to face them. Navy, although not as strong, will also have easy sailing and will be gunning for Army. You will also read of a strong Coast Guard team. Close runners for national acclaim will be Yale, Pitt, Penn and Cornell. Princeton, Columbia, Colgate and NYU will also have teams and that is what they will amount to.

Rebel Land will have a fast season, with Duke, Tennessee, LSU, Alabama, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest competing for honors in that section. All have potential greats on their rosters.

As a famous coach once said: "The football has a very odd shape and its bounce is even odder." It seems that is the only way one can look at the situation down there. It can go either way, at any time, anywhere. Expect anything, look for anything, and you can be sure you will not be the least bit disappointed.



Lt. Ramsden shakes hands with Sgt. Wojciechowski.

## Barracks One Soft ball Champs at Main

Barracks One, Main Detachment, won the softball championship from Barracks Four in the final game of the season. Superior hitting and fielding behind game pitching won the title for the boys. Among the fine players in Barracks One was Jack Hufford, Bill Reh, Sam Rosenwasser, Bob Allen, and a fine catcher in the person of Kramer. A dinner party and a show in New York was offered by the Detachment Commander as an inducement to good play.

# Occupational Therapy Review

By Sgt. Ely H. Friedman

On a windy day in March, a new department was born at Tilton. Occupational Therapy came into being, a very meagre beginning to be sure, but one which was to see steady progress and full development in ensuing months.

Today, the Occupational Therapy Department is comprised of 5 separate shops and a handsome five-acre farm. Each shop provides for a multitude of activities.

The main shop is located next to Physio-Therapy at Tilton Main. It is open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM, and offers a variety of activities such as: wood work, metal work, leather work, plastics, painting, weaving, sign lettering, photography and a host of other occupations and hobbies. The shop is equipped with the latest in electrical tools and supplies and offers every opportunity for creativeness and learning. Functional patients are treated individually at the shop by Registered Occupational Therapists.

The shop at the Annex is located next to the Detachment Mess and offers the same equipment, supplies and activities as the Main. In addition, it is visited by Professor Blai, Dean of Tyler School of Art, at Temple University, and a staff of professional assistants. They teach painting, sketching, sculpturing, pottery and allied activities, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 PM to 4:30 PM.

This shop is also open Monday and Thursday evenings, when live models pose for painting and sketching. Everyone is invited to attend these sessions.

The functional shop is located at the Annex in the building which was formerly the Morgue. This shop provides for special functional activity only. It is attended by registered OT's, who give individual treatments to patients with specific injuries. Patients are referred to the shop by medical officers and receive regular treatment at designated intervals.

The Arts and Skills building is located in the rear of Ward 35 in what was formerly the Detachment Day Room and is now affectionally referred to as "The Barn." It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 PM. It is run by the Red Cross Volunteer Corps, which provides professional instruction in ceramics, metal and jewelry work (precious metals), painting sketching, wood carving in miniature, pottery and several other specific activities. The building is provided with fine facilities for this sort of activity, and more is expected daily.

The small shop in the rear of Ward 29 is specifically for patients in Wards 29 and 31.

Farmer Brooks really has a fine farm on Wrightstown Road, where patients can go "back to nature." exercise, the sun (when there is any), and the fresh air really speeds a return to good health.

All patients are invited to visit any of these shops.

## Photo Contest

### Open to Service Men

Service personnel of the United States and Canada are being offered a new type exposure meter as one of the prizes in the \$1,000 photo contest being conducted by an eastern manufacturer of photographic equipment.

Families of service personnel may enter pictures taken by their sons or daughters, without using an entry blank, when the full military and home address of the service men and women is given and, if possible, the name and address of the dealer patronized by the service person in civilian life. Service personnel submitting their own prints follow the same procedure.

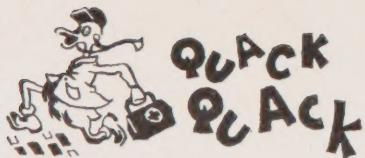
Any photographic subject is eligible for the contest, in which entries are to be judged upon popular appeal rather than technical excellence. Snapshots will compete with salon prints and each contestant may enter as many as he or she likes. Pictures submitted by or for service personnel will be returned if requested.

Prizes to be awarded to service personnel are as follows:

1st prize .....	worth \$300
2nd .....	\$300
3rd .....	\$150

Three more prizes worth \$50 each, and 10 worth \$20 each.

Decisions of the judges are final. Entries must be postmarked before midnight, October 31, 1945 and should be sent to Picture Contest Editor, DeJur Amsco Corporation, Long Island City 1, New York.



# HERE AND THERE

By Sgt. Pearl Jackson

The Officers Club sure blew its top Tuesday nite, August 14th in celebration of the sinking of the Rising Sun. Times Square had nothing on us for noise. Lt Col Brodkin was there — his last day in the Army. The Turnbull family flew up from the beach to join the merrymakers, as did the Latimers and Wetzels.

The Chapel at Ashford General Hospital was the setting for the marriage of Lt Madlyn Applegate, ANC, and Lt S. Jay Turnbull, MAC. The ceremony took place at 2030, 27 August. The bride was given away by Col Clyde Beck, CO at Ashford and Col S. Jay Turnbull acted as his son's best man.

If you want to confuse John Deming ask him the directions to Capt John Clark's residence at Browns Mills. Deming spent an entire Sunday afternoon and ten gallons of gas looking for said residence and hasn't found it yet.

A strong East wind blew in from the ETO, bringing with it two ex-Tiltonites: Major Tommy Lide and Captain Johnny Johnson. Tommy was Tilton's first Chief of Lab and is now a member of the MDRP. Johnny was looking awfully fit mit four battle stars and a crew haircut. ... It's fun welcoming back the old gang as they dribble in, and we only wish you all could stay.

Al Miller has finally landed at Manila, but the details he is probably saving to include in his 2nd Combat Bulletin . . . Last

Points are mighty nice things to have nowadays, and we don't mean red or green ones -- just good old points, the kind that when you have 85 of, you tuck an H. D. under your arm, and the world's your oyster. To those who have 85, we need say nothing. They have their reward. But leave us now direct a few remarks at the poor schlemiel whose point total adds up to the staggering sum of say 28 or 36. Such slogans like "Be of good cheer", or "He who laughs last laughs best", or Every cloud has a silver lining", or "Every dog has its day", just don't crack any ice with the low-pointer; His heart sinks down to his GI hoppers as daily he wistfully bids farewell to his buddies, guys delirious with newfound joy as they sport that beautiful yellow patch on the right breast.

A word of comfort to the low-pointer: In the first place, they can't keep you longer than 30 years. You'll be eligible for retirement with pension then. Here's something else. As time goes by, khaki will become more and more of a rarity, and you'll find yourself surrounded by uniform-happy females. Even though you're a lowly Pfc, you'll rate the same adulation now accorded to 2nd Lts. Another thing: You'll have your choice of beds in the barracks; there'll be plenty of room on the Trenton Transit busses; the show line will disappear, and you'll get your beef stew pronto; you'll get your pay by 0810 on the 30th of each month; you'll be permitted to purchase all the butts you want at the P.X.; you'll always find a seat in Theatre No. 3; and your 1st Sgt. will call you by name.

You'll find yourself loving Army life. Just wait and see. The first ten years are always the hardest.

And you fellows who gloat as you buy a one-way ticket to New York. Listen a minute. Don't think you're not gonna miss those three squares a day, even if you have to stand in line for 'em. You can laugh and cavort now, you 85-pointers. But we're tickled to death our personal point score is in the low thirties. We know when we're well off!

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bulletin from Mert Flanders he was sweating it out at Beale. The only thing that kept him going was the fact that he repeated over and over again: "If Miller made it, I can make it." Jack Messey writes he has been transferred to the 9th Sta. Hosp. "arrived here after flying two days over half of India and they can still give it back to the Indians or the British." It looks as though Frediani has dug in for the occupation, being transferred to the 150th General as Chief of

GI. Sees a lot of Sol Solomon, as the latter speaks fluent French which comes in very handy . . . Also met up with Bucky Weitz, who is returning via the 'poin' system . . . He's at Tinian, just south of Saipan. Not much activity in the Medical angle, as they're waiting for a hospital to be built. The most work is acting as chaperon for 91 nurses.

Be seeing you 'round.

"Doc Duck"

# PARADE

Planning the future is the most popular pastime among those being treated at Tilton. Here we see Sgt Mastriano and Miss Mary Testa, both of New York; Pfc Michael Osavi and the missus doing a bit of dreaming, as Mike Jr looks off in disdain; and you may be sure that look in Mrs Alice Bramer's eyes reflects the hopes of her husband, T-Sgt Vernon.



Probaly no where else was the close cooperation of civilian and military personnel more evident than at TILTON GENERAL. Here we see GIs and civilians being decorated for their devotion to duty. Colonel White did the honors.